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A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR PREMIER

House of Commons Sustains Government Policy by Great Majority

London, April 3. (By the Associated Press.)—The House of Commons tonight after an exciting debate adopted by the substantial majority of 278 Premier Lloyd George's resolution calling for confidence in the government's policy on the coming economic conference at Genoa. The vote was 372 to 34.

Prior to this the house by a vote of 373 to 84 rejected an amendment proposed by John Robert Clynes, Laborite, which, while approving an international economic and financial conference, declared that the government was not competent to represent the country at such a conference and did not have the confidence of the country.

This result is regarded as exceedingly satisfactory for the prime minister as the combined Laborites and Independent Liberals number about 160 and the "die hards" about 50, all of whom might have been expected to oppose the premier's resolution.

The prime minister's speech inviting parliament to vote confidence in the government's Genoa policy was noteworthy inasmuch as it touched only lightly upon the political crisis at home and because it endorsed the French policy toward Russia, although Mr. Lloyd George himself displayed much sympathy for an entirely conciliatory attitude toward Russia and further, in that it sought accommodation with the soviet government, lest by waiting it might eventually be necessary to deal with a still more irreconcilable or militaristic regime, which might embroil the whole of Europe.

While emphasizing that nothing could be gained by waiting for the overthrow of the soviet administration, the premier accepted the French standpoint, demanding guarantees with respect to Russia's debts and obligations and stipulating a period of probation of six months or a year, but less if Russia gave the necessary guarantees, before full recognition was accorded. The premier indicated his belief in the insincerity of the conversion of Nikolai Lenin and the soviet to a diluted form of communism. Perhaps the most interesting of Mr. Lloyd George's proposals was that exchange should be stabilized at some maintainable rate, but no details were given as to how he proposed to effect it, except that it might be attained by some form of international co-operation and pressure.

CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION

University Professors Will Speak in Anderson and Orangeburg Counties

Columbia, April 4.—With the slogan, "On to High School and College," professors of the University are to invade Anderson and Orangeburg counties at an early date in a new sort of campaign. Six professors will compose a "flying squadron" and their schedule in each county will be so arranged that each will address three schools a day. The names of the professors and their schedules will be announced within a few days, it is stated at the offices of the University Extension Department.

During the recent state convention of teachers, seventy-six teachers and school principals from the two counties, Anderson and Orangeburg, met with the faculty of the University, and pledged heavy support to this "on to college and high school" campaign. Later on it is planned to wage similar campaigns in other counties, and eventually, if the idea gains the support of the University board, to make this movement cover the entire state.

ENGLAND CALLS TO THE ALLIES

London, April 5.—The British government has addressed a note to the allies declaring that owing to the fact that England had to pay interest on debts to the United States she receives right to call upon the allies in turn to pay interest on their war debts to Great Britain. It is pointed out that Great Britain is now fully prepared to pay the interest due America.

Earthquakes in Siberia

Belgrade, April 5.—Intermittent earthquake shocks are continuing in northern Siberia.

TELEPHONE RATE ACT SIGNED

Companies Have Right to Test Rate Reduction Law in Courts

Columbia, April 4.—Governor Cooper yesterday morning signed the Foster telephone act restoring rates and charges on all telephones in the state, except companies owned in one or two counties, to their status as of January 1, 1921. The chief executive had announced a hearing on the act, passed by the recent session of the legislature, but Saturday called off this hearing in view of the fact that he had already reached a conclusion.

The act that became law is one of the most important pieces of legislation put through by the legislature at the 1922 session. It makes null and void increases in telephone rates allowed by the railroad commission and puts these rates, charges, tolls, etc., back to the same status they were before the railroad commission allowed the increase in March of 1921. The act also reestablishes the telephone exchange radius or alleged "free toll" service that was abolished by the general assembly.

It was indicated yesterday that attorneys for the Southern Bell Telephone company will go immediately into the courts to determine the validity of the act, the company having fought the measure throughout its course in the legislature. Provision is carried in the act for the telephone company to petition the railroad commission for relief and the commission has authority to reduce or increase the rates to be charged and the rates in effect January 1, 1921. The company may go before the commission, but an appeal to the courts is also being contemplated.

In signing the act, the governor gave out the following statement in regard to the act and the calling off of the hearing:

"In view of the fact that I had on request, promised a hearing before signing this act, I think it is due the public and all parties interested that I give my reasons for dispersing with the hearing. "The act is regular in its face. It is very clear to my mind that should a hearing be had it would consume more time than I could possibly give to it. But if I had the time or inclination to give an extended hearing, the most that the opponents of the measure could show would be that the rates fixed in the acts are confiscatory. The act itself provides a remedy in case the rates are unreasonable, and I could not veto it in the face of such a provision.

In addition to this, I would be very reluctant to veto any measure of statewide interest when the legislature would have no opportunity of passing on the veto until January of next year. I think that any person interested in any matter pending before any department of the state government is always entitled to a hearing, but where it is so clear, as it is in this case, that I could not have sufficient time to give a hearing, and where there is ample opportunity for the same questions to be submitted to another department of the state government, it seems to me that the hearing is not denied by my acting as I have, but that it is simply transferred to an appropriate tribunal.

Provisions of the Foster act are as follows: "Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of South Carolina, That no corporation, company, firm, person or persons owning, controlling or operating or that hereafter may own, control or operate a line or lines of telephone or telegraph whose line or lines is or are in whole or in part in this state, shall charge or collect or suffer to be charged or collected for their services a greater or price or sum of money or a greater rate than was of legal force and effect, and on file with the railroad commission of South Carolina on January 1, 1921: Provided that any corporation, company, firm, person or persons violating or attempting to violate the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of \$50 for each violation or attempted violation, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state, at the instance and on the behalf of the aggrieved party or parties: Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to lines owned and operated entirely within not more than two counties and owned by citizens thereof: Provided, further, decisions of said commission may be reviewed by the court of common pleas upon questions both of law and fact. Within 30 days after the rendition of the decision any person aggrieved may commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the commission as defendants to vacate or set aside any such order of the commission or enjoin the enforcement thereof on the ground that the authorization, consent, rate or rates, charges, fares, tolls and schedules fixed in such order are insufficient, unreasonable, unjust or unlawful in which action a copy of the complaint shall be served

PROFIT IN COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Texas Farmer Tells South Carolinians What the Association Has Done For Texas Members This Year

Columbia, April 4.—"Co-operative marketing appears to me to be the cotton grower's only hope," declared J. D. Coghlan, of Ennis, Texas, in a speech at Mullins this morning. Mr. Coghlan, who is a dirt farmer in South Carolina at the request of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association to tell of the workings of co-operative marketing in Texas. He declared today that already that state had seen the wonderful results coming from it and he declared that if every state was organized there was a chance for the farmer to get a fair profit for his staple. Mr. Coghlan declared that the farmers in Texas, who are members of the association, have received an average of three cents a pound more for their cotton than the farmers who are not members have received. From all over South Carolina come reports of heavy sign-ups during the past three days. Many of the leading farmers have signed within the past 24 hours. Announcement was made last night that John T. Mackey, of Camden, one of the best known farmers of the state and also a prominent banker had signed the contract. "Probably the greatest spurt made by any county during the past week is Orangeburg. One of the last counties in the state to launch its campaign, the movement has gained impetus in that county during the past week and the leaders now expect a sign-up of approximately 35,000 bales in it.

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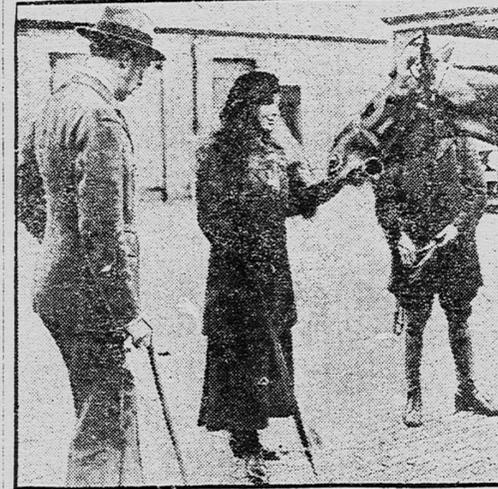
Killing of Army Officer by Oil Man Starts Three Inquiries

Oklahoma City, April 5.—Preparations have been made to launch three separate investigations of the events surrounding the death of Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck, pioneer army aviator and assistant commandant of Post Field, Fort Sill, who was killed by Jean P. Day, a wealthy oil operator and prominent Oklahoma attorney, at the latter's home early yesterday when, according to Day, Beck was found struggling with Mrs. Day. A civil investigation will be made by county authorities to determine the charges to be filed against Day. The military commission of Post Field is expected to also probe the killing. The state prohibition director began to check up to ascertain whether liquor was involved in the party preceding the killing. The coroner's inquest is scheduled for Saturday.

Plans For Gettysburg Reunion

Gettysburg, Penn., April 5.—Civil war veterans have started a movement for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg with another great reunion here in July next year.

On Royal Honeymoon



Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles are having a quiet time on their honeymoon. Here the princess is feeding carrots to "Flying Fox" at Weston Park, the estate of the Earl of Bradford, scene of the first weeks of their honeymoon.

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SWEARINGEN NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

State Superintendent of Education Endorsed For Higher Office by County Superintendents

Columbia, April 3.—That John E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education, would have no lack of backing in school circles should he cast his hat into the gubernatorial ring this summer was made clearly evident at the meeting of county superintendents of education recently held in this city. The resolution, which was adopted almost unanimously by the county superintendents of education, has just leaked out and yesterday when Mr. Swearingen was asked about it he expressed the wish that nothing be said about it, as he has yet made no announcement that he would run for governor and he said he feared the schools might suffer from the rumor.

It has been the custom of Mr. Swearingen for a number of years to assemble the county superintendents of education in Columbia soon after the close of the meeting of the legislature, so that he might discuss with them the new laws which had been passed with regard to the public schools. These meetings have been found very helpful and have been well attended. This year every county in the state, except Union, had its superintendent at the conference. It is understood that at one of the conferences a county superintendent arose and proposed that the meeting of superintendents go on record as endorsing Mr. Swearingen's candidacy for governor should he enter the race. At the time Mr. Swearingen was in the chair and he at once ruled the motion out of order and it did not come to a vote. Later during the session, when S. J. Wall, superintendent of education of the Marion, took the chair, the matter was again brought up, but would say Mr. Swearingen had not announced any intention of running for governor, it was agreed, according to rumors on the street, to make no mention of the resolution through the public prints lest the schools should suffer.

When Mr. Swearingen was approached yesterday and asked about the rumor, he was found willing to talk about the schools of the state and their prospects, but would say little as to the possibility of his running for governor this summer. His first thought was the effect of any such announcement on the schools of the state, which, he says, are facing no easy path.

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